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For: METHOD OF NITRIDING METAL RING  
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**REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated September 27, 2007, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes: Remarks